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SUBJECT: TQ INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM

JAEN COMPLETES PROGRAM FRIDAY IN GAINESVILLE BUT HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO SPEND WEEKEND IN MIAMI OR RETURN DIRECTLY HOME. TRIP HAS GONE GENERALLY WELL THOUGH JAEN HAS HAD SEVERAL COMPLAINTS, NOTABLY THAT HE HAD BEEN ASSURED BEFORE LEAVING PANAMA THAT ARRANGEMENTS WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE IN ADVANCE OF HIS ARRIVAL TO SPEAK AT ALL UNIVERSITIES HE VISITED. SINCE HIS ARRIVAL COINCIDED WITH OPENING OF UNIVERSITIES, THERE WAS NO OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE LECTURES AT COLUMBIA, HARVARD, MIT (THERE IS LITTLE OPPORTUNITY AT THOSE SCHOOLS EVEN UNDER THE BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES SINCE THEY ARE SATURATED WITH FOREIGN VISITORS) WHICH HE ASCRIBES TO USG POLICY TO PREVENT HIM FROM ADDRESSING GROUPS AT THOSE INSTITUTIONS. IN SPITE OF ALL EXPLANATIONS HE APPEARS TO REMAIN CONVINCED THAT THE USG COULD HAVE ORDERED UNIVERSITIES TO ASSEMBLE GROUPS FOR HIS LECTURES IF IT HAD WANTED. SPENT ONE DAY AT CLARK UNIVERSITY AND ADDRESSED A CLASS. MINNEAPOLIS PROGRAM WAS LIGHT, THOUGH HE WAS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND A GRADUATE SEMINAR THERE AND ALSO FACULTY LUNCH. SF PROGRAM INCLUDED TWO SUCCESSFUL VISITS TO UC BERKELEY, VISIT TO STANFORD WHERE HE MET INFORMALLY WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STUDENTS, AND A SLIDE/LECTURE AT UNIVERSITY SAN FRANCISCO.

HE CANCELLED YOSEMITE TRIP IN FAVOR OF A RETURN VISIT TO UC. AUSTIN HAS PROVIDED CHANCE TO GIVE SEVERAL LECTURES, TALK TO FACULTY MEMBERS, SOME HOME HOSPITALITY. SOME OF HIS

SLIDES ARE GOING TO BE USED ON A VIDEO-TAPE WHICH MAY EVENTUALLY BE AIRED ON LOCAL PUBLIC TV IN AUSTIN. JAEN EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT IN HIS PERCEIVED LACK INTEREST BY U.S. SCHOLARS ABOUT THE SPANISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN BASIN, AND DEARTH OF INFORMATION ON IT IN LIBRARIES. HE FINDS SCHOLARS INTERESTED ONLY IN ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN; HOPEFULLY HE WILL FIND SOMETHING IN GAINESVILLE VISIT TO SATISFY HIS PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS IN CARIBBEAN GEOGRAPHY. IF POST WISHES ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT VISIT IN ADVANCE RECEIPT WRITTEN COMMENTS, PLEASE ADVISE. KISSINGER

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